

REMARKS

This Amendment is made, without prejudice, to avoid and remove improper multiple dependency of the claims and the extra expense associated therewith. Upon translation of the application, the dependent claims will be reintroduced as singly dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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